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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 2080 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 14th November 1961, page 474 supra.]

To afford transport facilities to tourists, both home and foreign applications were called for by the State Transport Authority for grant of contract carriage permits for the specific use of tourists. Copies of notifications were sent to the Proprietors of reputed Hotels in Madras City and Travel Agents and other persons interested in tourist traffic. In response to this notification applications were received from the following and the State Transport Authority recommended to Government the allotment of Ambassador cars to these applicants :

Serial number and particulars of applicants.	*Number of vehicles for which applications made.*
(1)	(2)
1 Asian Travels (India), Private, Limited, Madras-2	4
2 Hotel Ashoka, Egmore, Madras-8	2
3 Sri M. Viswanathan, Mandavalli, Madras-28	1
4 Messrs. Southern Tourist Services, Kuppumuthu Mudali street, Madras-5.	2
5 Messrs. Bharath Travel Services (P), Limited, Linghi Chetty Street, Madras-1.	1
6 Messrs. M.H. Taxis, Madras-2	2
7 Hotel Oceanic, Madras-28	4
8 Sri Syed Yacoob, Proprietor, Crescent Bus Service, Madras-10.	1
9 Sri T. K. Kumaraswami, Madras-4	1
10 Sri T. Balakrishnan, 29, Veeraswami Pillai Street, Madras-5.	1
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The State Controller of Motor Cars accordingly allotted nineteen Ambassador cars as indicated above for use as tourist taxis subject to the conditions set out in the annexure to this note. Four of these cars are already used as tourist taxis. The applicants have been granted time to put the remaining vehicles on the road.

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ANNEXURE.

I. Conditions under which permits were granted by the State Transport Authority for plying as tourist taxi.

1. The taxis shall be used only for the conveyance of tourists.
2. The taxis shall not ply in competition with the regular taxis.
3. The taxis shall always be maintained in good condition.
4. The fare charged for the tourists shall not be more than 75 nP. (seventy-five naye paise) per mile and that the fare be calculated according to the milo-meter reading.
5. The taxis need not be painted in double colours. They need not use public taxi stands. They need not also be fixed with taxi meters.
6. They will be allotted a separate registration number so as to distinguish them from other vehicles (i.e.), white letters on black background with a special mark such as (T) in red.
7. The Taxis should be handled only by those drivers who obtain special authorization from the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Licensing), Madras.
8. *Educational qualifications of drivers.*—The minimum educational qualification for the driver of a tourist car shall be a pass in Matriculation Examination. This may be relaxed in deserving cases where the drivers are found otherwise suitable with working knowledge of English. Such relaxation can be ordered by the State Transport Authority in consultation with the Director of Tourist Bureau, Madras.
9. *Uniform of drivers*—
   (i) White Trousers.
   (ii) White tunic.
   (iii) Peak cap (White).
   (iv) Black shoes.
10. *Training for drivers.*—The drivers selected for driving tourist taxis shall first be sent to the Director, Government of India Tourist Department, to receive suitable instructions and lectures. Only such of those drivers who have been certified by the Director, shall be given the special authorization for driving tourist taxis by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Licensing).
11. *Uniform tariff.*—Pocket size printed cards in attractive designs containing particulars of places of importance with rate of fares for the journeys to and from those places and other particulars as may be considered necessary by the Tourist Department shall be made available in the taxis for free distribution to the tourists. The tourist taxi operators shall get these cards from the Director, Government of India Tourist Department and keep these cards available in the taxis.

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12. *Code of conduct for drivers*.—(i) The driver shall be clean and tidy and shall pay special attention to personal cleanliness ;

(ii) The driver shall not indulge in any touting on behalf of or accept any commission or favours from shops, hotels, restaurants, etc.;

(iii) The drivers' licence shall be liable to suspension if the tourists complain of rudeness, misbehaviour or cheating and if the complaint is proved to be genuine.

(iv) The driver shall not act as a tourist guide.

(v) The driver shall maintain a log book and keep a complaint book for recording complaints whenever demanded by tourists.

13. Such other conditions as may be prescribed by the State Transport Authority in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Licensing), Madras.

II. Conditions of allotment of car for tourist taxis.

Resale of car—

(i) The operator to whom the car is allotted shall not re-sell the car within a period of two years of purchase *or* before the car has run at least 50,000 miles except with the approval of the State Controller, Madras ;

(ii) In case it is found essential to re-sell the car, the operator to whom the car is allowed shall be prepared to sell only to the nominee of the State Controller and at the price stipulated by the Controller ; and

(iii) The operator shall not mortgage the car allotted to him before the expiry of two years from the date of purchase *or* before it has done 50,000 miles without the prior approval of the State Controller, Madras.